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Title: Case-Ready Package Having Absorbent Pad

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As the above-identified inventors, we hereby declare that:

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- 2) We believe that we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought for the above-entitled invention, the specification of which
 - (a) is attached herewith;
- 3) We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims and any drawings attached thereto;
- 4) We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a);
- 5) Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, we hereby claim foreign priority benefits based upon the below-identified foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate:

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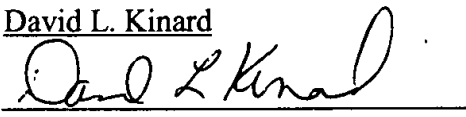
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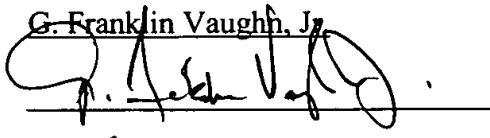
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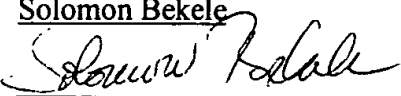
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